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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 22 May 1956 Meeting at JSAD

- 1. Representatives from CIA, JSAD, Brown Team, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Joint Middle East Planning Committee attended.
- 2. Agenda Item a. Col. Seeds (JSAD) summarized the achievements of the Joint Logistics Committee and gave the status of the Logistics Appendix to the UW Annex to JSCP as waiting for approval at the same time as the basic JSCP itself.
- 3. Agenda Item b. Col. Seeds outlined the past POW Committee actions. He referred to the memo of 28 March '56 in which General Erskine suggested a revision of SM-1581-52, "Responsibilities of the CIA in the Field of Evasion and Escape." The Brown Team has the memo now and a joint revision of the SM will probably be called for shortly.
- (WPD) posed the two Agenda Item c. main questions. First, what is the planning responsibility of CINCNELM, now that the JMEPC is organized? Second, is there a requirement for a CIA liaison officer at CINCNELM? Col. Marchant (JMEPC) gave a brief description of the committee and its functions. He highlighted the fact that strategic planning responsibilities were transferred from CINCNELM to JMEPC. Although UW is probably strategic in nature, no specific mention of UW has been made yet in JMEPC. Col, Marchant stated that the committee was completely involved in three current projects: target analysis of the Middle East, establishment of a group in Bagdad for liaison with the Bagdad Pact nations, and strategic planning for defense of the Elburz and Zagros mountains. In answer to CIA's question on liaison, Col. Marchant suggested that CIA should ask CINCNELM whether or not he had further need for a liaison officer at his headquarters.
- 5. Agenda Item d. Col. Seeds gave a brief of the 1 May DOD Directive which is the new charter of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations). He also cited the JCS

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES Brief discussion of planning responsibility of CINCNELM AND JMEPC.

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